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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As a member of the Greenville City Council, I am concerned about the effect that the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit is having on both the business and educational institutions in our city. I am a newly elected member of the council, a member who ran in order to create a more efficient government for our citizens. I am also concerned that the federal government operates efficiently.

The American people have a twofold desire in regard to the Microsoft suit, as I see it. First, they want the federal government to work to create a more positive business climate for all Americans. Government needs to use its power to encourage private investment, innovation and job growth. Second, it is the moral responsibility of the federal government to use taxpayers' funds wisely.

The government's work in fostering a strong economy is particularly timely right now. After all, the unemployment rate is up, the stock market is down, and consumer spending is off. We've got to get back on track. I can think of no more positive action for the federal government to take than for its courts to approve the settlement in the Microsoft case.

Also, Americans today are paying taxes to the federal government at the highest rate per capita in over fifty years. It is the government's responsibility to see to it that these funds are used responsibly for the benefit and general welfare of the American people. The Microsoft lawsuit has cost the American people \$30 million to prosecute. It's time to end this litigious spending. Thank goodness both parties want the suit to end. They have come to an amicable settlement. I urge Judge Kollar-Kotelly to approve the settlement.

Sincerely,

Ray Craft
Council Member